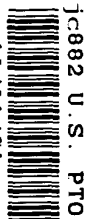


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Enclosed for filing is a Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b), including the Specification, with 20 claims, and Declaration and Power of Attorney of Dane Kenton Parker, Brent Kevin Larson and Xiaoping Yang, for **PREPARATION AND USE OF A NANOCOMPOSITE OF ELASTOMER AND EXFOLIATED CLAY PLATELETS FORMED IN SITU WITHIN AN ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE, INCLUDING TIRES, HAVING AT LEAST ONE COMPONENT COMPRISED THEREOF.**

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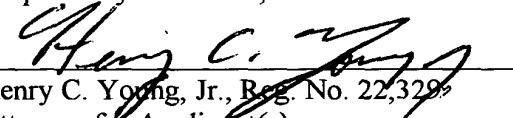
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